

NEW CHARGES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2014

For single-family residences, the monthly Sewer Service Charge increases from \$29.93 to \$34.72 (from \$59.86 to \$69.44 every two months.)

For multi-family dwellings on shared meters, the monthly Sewer Service Charge is:

Duplexes: \$38.95 per month (or \$77.90 bi-monthly)
Triplexes: \$58.44 per month (or \$116.88 bi-monthly)
Fourplexes: \$77.94 per month (or \$155.88 bi-monthly)

For all other accounts, the charge is based on water consumption or metered sewage discharge as follows:

Apartment Bldgs. (5+ Units): \$2.37 per 100 cubic feet
Industrial Accounts: \$2.16 per 100 cubic feet
Commercial Accounts: \$2.37 per 100 cubic feet
Restaurants/Hotels: \$2.45 per 100 cubic feet
Hospitals: \$2.63 per 100 cubic feet
Laundromats/Carwashes: \$2.77 per 100 cubic feet
Metered Sewage Accounts: \$2.87 per 100 cubic feet

The minimum monthly charge for all accounts is \$34.72 (or \$69.44 bi-monthly).

By law, Sewer Service Charge funds can only be used for the construction, maintenance and operation of the sanitary sewer system.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

The sewer rehabilitation program is part of a continuing effort to improve Oakland and its environment. The program will result in a cleaner, healthier environment that will enhance our quality of living. It also will ensure that Oakland has a reliable sewer system for years to come. Since July 1987, Sewer Service Charges have funded 289 miles of sewer system improvements throughout the City. This year another 12 miles are scheduled for improvement.

We thank you for sharing in these efforts. Oakland's future depends upon our commitment.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE

For more information about the Sewer Service Charge, call (510) 238-7267.

Para mas informacion sobre la tarifa del Servicio de Drenaje favor de llamar al (510) 238-7267.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR CITY OF OAKLAND SEWER SERVICE CHARGE

The City of Oakland increased its Sewer Service Charge effective January 1, 2014 to pay for continued rehabilitation and maintenance of Oakland's sewer system. Rehabilitation of the aging sewer system is essential to public health and a clean environment. A well-maintained and efficient sewer system prevents sewage overflows and keeps pollution from entering creeks and waterways. This is also required by state and federal environmental regulations.

The increase is required to fund an aggressive maintenance program mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Justice and the Regional Water Quality Control Board with the goal of minimizing the risk of sanitary sewer overflows and wet-weather discharges.

The City charge is shown in the green stripe on the enclosed bill sent by EBMUD. The Oakland Sewer Service Charge is a City, not an EBMUD, charge. EBMUD collects the charge for the City. This consolidates billing efforts for efficiency and reduces costs to Oakland ratepayers. **Any questions regarding the rate change should be directed to the City of Oakland's Public Works Agency at (510) 238-7267.**

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

As sanitary sewers age, they frequently overflow in wet weather because storm water gets into the old, leaky sewer pipes. This added flow causes overflows of sewage into City streets, creeks, Lake Merritt and the San Francisco Bay. Sewage overflows affect our homes and businesses, and are also in violation of federal regulations and an order by the Bay Area Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Sewer Service Charge pays for a long-range maintenance and rehabilitation programs to eliminate overflows and meet regulatory requirements. Completing sewer system improvements now, rather than later, will save ratepayers money and decrease maintenance costs.



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